

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr

The Attorney General

April 19, 1963

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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You will be advised of further pertinent developments in this matter.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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URGENT 4-18-63 4:12 PM
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 182320

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DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, IS-CUBA.

[REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST TO LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THAT DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, MD WITH OFFICES AT 3550 WEST 8TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HIM APRIL 17 LAST THAT "THE ORGANIZATION" WAS GOING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT "POOR RICHARDS BOOK SHOP" WHICH IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY F. X. RANUZZI. DRENNAN STATED WOULD DISCUSS PLANS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY AND SOME UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. STATED WOULD HAVE INDIVIDUAL DO IT WHO WAS NOT MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND THEREBY WOULD BE NO REFLECTION ON THE GROUP. DRENNAN STATED THIS ACTION NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE POPE'S POSITION AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION AGAINST CONTINUING FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM IN FAVOR OF COEXISTENCE AND WORK THROUGH UNITED NATIONS. DRENNAN HAS HATRED FOR ADMINISTRATION, FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS NOT IDENTIFIED. HE SUPPORTS GENERAL WALKER AND CURRENT CUBAN RAIDERS. DRENNAN ENGAGED IN COLLECTING MATERIALS, DRUGS, CLOTHING TO BE SHIPPED TO CUBAN RAIDERS PLACE UNKNOWN. SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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ORIG: MR. BELMONT FOR DIRECTOR

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Kleinkauf

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Date: April 19, 1963
To: Chief, U. S. Secret Service
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

This will confirm the following information orally furnished to Mr. Glenn Bennett, U. S. Secret Service, on April 18, 1963, by Special Agent Andrew J. Decker of this Bureau and to Mr. Gerry Blaine, U. S. Secret Service, on April 19, 1963, by Special Agent Bernard C. Rachner of this Bureau.

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Chief, U. S. Secret Service

The Los Angeles Office of this Bureau has furnished the above information to the local Secret Service office in Los Angeles.

You will be advised of further pertinent developments in this matter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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The above information has been furnished to the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, White House; the Attorney General; and Senator Javits.

[Handwritten notes and signatures follow]

April 19, 1963

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

DOCTOR STANLEY L. DRENNAN, INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY).

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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY ACT AS ASSASSIN.

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SECRET SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

SUTEL RESULTS YOUR INVESTIGATION TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDA-
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NOTE ON YELLOW: ReLatels furnished information concerning an
alleged plot to assassinate President Kennedy, the Attorney
General and unidentified members of Congress. Allegedly
Senator Jacob Javits of New York is among those to be eliminated.
The plans in this regard were discussed at a meeting purported
to be a John Birch Society meeting on 4/17/63. We are disseminating

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**TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES
DOCTOR STANLEY L. DRENNAN**

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

information concerning this plot to the White House and the Attorney General. We have furnished this information to U. S. Secret Service headquarters. Los Angeles has furnished this information to the Secret Service in Los Angeles. Washington Field Office has been instructed to alert the Metropolitan Police Department and the U. S. Capitol Police. Senator Javits is also being advised.

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April 19, 1963

BY LIAISON

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Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Domestic Intelligence Division
Information Note

4-19-63

Los Angeles advised by teletype 4-18-63
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source of meeting at "Poor Richard's
Bookshop" operated by F. X. Ranuzzi (date
unknown) to discuss proposed plans to
assassinate the President, Attorney General
and unnamed members of Congress. This
information was furnished Secret Service,
O'Donnell and the Attorney General.
Attached teletype contains background data
on Drennan, Ranuzzi and the bookshop.
Ranuzzi reportedly member John Birch Society
9/60 and member "American Committee to Free
Cuba, Incorporated." Senator Metcalf,
Montana, 3/62 charged bookshop "arouses
Americans against their elected officials."
Attached information telephonically furnished
Protective Research, Secret Service, White
House Detail, 4-19-63 and ~~will be furnished~~
~~Attorney General and O'Donnell.~~

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*Let's get some
results first*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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URGENT 4-19-63 3-02 PM GRJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /105-14379/ 3P
Internal Security -

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, /IS-DASH CUBA. OO LOS ANGELES. RE LA

TELETYPES APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST. DRENNAN BORN NINETEEN SIXTEEN,

GRADUATED OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY NINETEEN FORTYONE. LICENSED

PHYSICIAN CALIFORNIA NINETEEN FORTYSIX. OFFICE THREE FIVE FIVE ZERO

WEST EIGHTH STREET, LOS ANGELES. LAPD RECORDS REFLECT RECALL WARRANT

ONE STANLEY L. DRENNAN, NO ADDRESS, /AUGUST TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYONE

QUOTE "DEFAULTING WITNESS," UNQUOTE POSTED BAIL ONE HUNDRED

DOLLARS. /LAPD RECORDS NEGATIVE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTING

REGISTRATIONS INCLUDE REGISTRATIONS DRENNAN AND MRS. MARGUERITE R.

DRENNAN /BORN HAZEL M. REED/, HOUSEWIFE, BORN MISSOURI, BOTH

RESIDING THREE FIVE SEVEN FIVE WONDER VIEW DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, Calif.

BOTH DATED JANUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYTHREE, BOTH REGISTERED QUOTE

"CONSERVATIVE" UNQUOTE. LOCAL CREDIT RECORDS REFLECT DRENNAN/S

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L. DRENNAN, LAST REGISTERED VOTER SEPTEMBER FOUR, SIXTYTWO, *Calif.*
ONE SEVEN FIVE SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, FORMERLY THREE
FIVE SEVEN FIVE WONDER VIEW DRIVE, REGISTERED NURSE, BORN VIRGINIA,
LOS ANGELES FILES NEGATIVE RE DRENNAN.

RANUZZI, OWNER, POOR RICHARD/S BOOK SHOP, FIVE FOUR ZERO
THREE HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, AND WIFE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY SEPTEMBER, SIXTY. SENATOR METCALF PAREN
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RICHARD/S BOOK SHOP PUBLISHING LITERATURE WHICH *Calif.* QUOTE "AROUSES
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ALSO REPORTEDLY DECEMBER SIXTYTWO PUBLISHED LEAFLET FACETIOUSLY
LAMPOONING U.S. PRESIDENTIAL FAMILY. RANUZZI APPARENTLY IDENTICAL

MR. & MRS.
FRANCIS X. RENAULT, AKA RANUZZI, SIX FOUR THREE NINE LA MIRADA,
LOS ANGELES, ARRESTED LAPD MARCH ELEVEN FIFTYTWO QUOTE "TRAFFIC
WARRANTS UNQUOTE, POSTED BAIL TOTALING SEVENTY DOLLARS, INSURANCE
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FLORENCE E. RANUZZI, BOTH FOUR EIGHT TWO EIGHT GLENCAIRN ROAD,
LOS ANGELES, OCCUPIED INSURANCE AND BUSINESS WOMAN RESPECTIVELY, HE
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BORN PENNSYLVANIA, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES. ALSO
APPARENTLY IDENTICAL F. X. KRANUZZI, BOOK STORE OWNER, MEMBER
ADVISORY BOARD ["]QUOTE AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO FREE CUBA, INC., ["]UNQUOTE, ["]
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, SINCE SIXTYTWO. SECRET SERVICE ADVISED,
HAS INDICATED INTENTION INTERVIEW ORIGINAL SOURCE [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES WILL COORDINATE WITH LOCAL SECRET SERVICE b7D
AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ORIGINAL SOURCE [REDACTED] LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-14379) (P)

RE: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
IS - CUBA
OO: LOS ANGELESRe Los Angeles teletypes to Bureau, 4/18/63,
4/18/63 and 4/19/63.Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum
captioned and dated as above at Los Angeles.The information from [] was furnished G.
D. SHEAKS, U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, and a copy
of the letterhead memo is being furnished U. S. Secret
Service, Los Angeles, in view of its interest in this
matter.[] name was set out in the letterhead
memo with no objection on his part, his desire being only
that DRENNAN and his group not become aware that he furnished
information concerning them.[] information was obtained by SA MERLE L.
PARKER. Records of the Los Angeles Police Department and
Los Angeles Sheriff's Office were checked by IC LOUIS T.
SCHAAF. Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association
and Dun and Bradstreet (referred to in the letterhead memo
as a national credit agency), were checked by IC RICHARD T.
VOYLES.

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Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters regarding DRENNAN and RANUZZI were reviewed by SAs WILLIAM J. MC CAULEY and RICHARD L. CROMWELL, respectively.

Information from [redacted] as furnished to SA HARVEY G. BERKEY, that from [redacted] to SA THOMAS C. CRAWFORD and that from [redacted] (referred to as a confidential source in the letterhead memo) to SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN.

This office will maintain contact with [redacted] and will advise the Bureau immediately of any developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
April 19, 1963

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN

On April 18, 1963, [redacted]

[redacted] telephone Hollywood
[redacted] telephone

[redacted] residence address [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following information:

*Los Angeles
Calif.*

Dr. Stanley L. Drennan, a physician and surgeon, with offices at 3550 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California, phone DU 2-5755, has been [redacted]

[redacted] For the past several years, Drennan, in his political orientation, has indicated that he is to the extreme right, that he hates the Democratic Party and its leaders. Drennan claims to have documentary proof that Eleanor Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower are communists.

On April 17, 1963, Dr. Drennan told [redacted] that something had to be done as the Pope has stopped his fight against communism and has come out in favor of co-existence and working through the United Nations, and that unless immediate action is taken, this country and the world would go communist within two years.

Dr. Drennan then remarked that "we are going to do something about it," and said that he was on his way over to ~~Poor Richard's Book Shop~~, 5403 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, which is owned and operated by ~~F. X. Banuzzi~~, in order to discuss with others the plan for assassinating President John F. Kennedy, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, and 20 or 30 members of Congress. [redacted] said he was quite certain that by the term "we", Drennan referred to the John Birch Society, as he mentioned that organization later in his conversation, as will be shown below. Drennan mentioned the name of Senator Jacob Javits of New York in his conversation, and although [redacted] is not absolutely certain, it is his recollection and conclusion that Senator Javits

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was to be one of the "victims". Dr. Drennan said they would select "a member of the military" with a "neutral" political reputation, and no connection with "the John Birch Society", to perform the assassination, so as not to cast reflection upon the John Birch Society.

In October, 1962, Dr. Drennan invited [] to attend an open meeting of the John Birch Society, which was held at his residence. [] attended this meeting, at which there were about 15 people present and the main speaker was Carl Prussian, []

Calif [] A collection was taken up in behalf of Prussian. About five weeks ago [] attended another open meeting of the John Birch Society at the home of F. X. Ranuzzi at 4824 Glencairn Road, Hollywood, California, at which 27 people were present.

Dr. Drennan advised [] that he and his group are endeavoring to secure the release of the Venezuelan who fled that country with twelve or fifteen million dollars and is incarcerated in Cuba.

Dr. Drennan is a staunch supporter of General Walker of Texas, and at the present time he is engaged with others in his group in collecting clothing and drugs to be sent to the Cuban raiders. Dr. Drennan stated that they did not need money, only supplies, combat-type clothing and drugs for those Cubans who are conducting raids against Castro. Drennan said that any money contributed would be immediately converted to such supplies.

In Ranuzzi's Poor Richard's Book Store there are history books, biographies and pamphlets which are generally critical of the American Government. On the other hand, there are books by well-known authors against communism.

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The Los Angeles County Medical Association Directory of Members dated 1955 mentions Stanley L. Drennan who was born in 1916, graduated from Oklahoma University in 1941, was licensed to practice medicine in California in 1946, who then maintained his office at 175 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. in 1962

Aloha L. Drennan

Born in 1916

MRS. Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles checked on April 19, 1963, disclosed information that Dr. Stanley L. Drennan as of 1959, resided at 3575 Wonder View Drive, Los Angeles, with his wife, Aloha Leiby, was self-employed as a physician at 175 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, and had satisfactory credit standing.

Drennan Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters reviewed on April 19, 1963, were found to include the current registration of Stanley L. Drennan, 3575 Wonder View Drive, Los Angeles, dated January 26, 1963, reflecting his birth in Iowa, his height as 5' 10", his occupation as "M.D.", his political affiliation as "Conservative". These records also contained a current registration of Mrs. Marguerite R. Drennan, same address, dated January 26, 1963, which reflects her birth in Missouri, her height 5' 1 1/2", her occupation as housewife and her political affiliation as "Conservative". They also contained a registration of Mrs. Aloha L. Drennan, 175 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, dated September 4, 1962, which discloses her previous residence at 3575 Wonder View Drive, Los Angeles and identifies her as a registered nurse, born in Virginia, and height 5' 7".

Born in Mo.

MRS. Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters also contain cancelled registrations in the names of Stanley L. Drennan and Mrs. Hazel Marguerite R. Drennan, 3575 Wonder View Drive, Los Angeles, both dated March 10, 1962, in which they registered their intention to affiliate themselves at the next primary election with one of the major political parties. It further contained a cancelled registration of Stanley L. Drennan, 175 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, dated January 9, 1948, of Mrs. Hazel Marguerite R. Drennan, 3575 Wonder View Drive, Los Angeles, dated

Hazel M. Reed

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November 16, 1961, reflecting her previous registration under the name ~~Miss Hazel M. Reed~~ and of ~~Mrs. Aloha L. Drennan~~, 3575 Wonder View Drive, Los Angeles, dated September 2, 1956 (cancelled September 4, 1962) reflecting her previous registration at the address 175 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles.

Records of the Identification Division of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office checked on April 19, 1963, contained record of the recall on August 24, 1951 of a warrant for Dr. Stanley L. Drennan, address not shown, as a "defaulting witness" and that he posted \$100 bail in that connection. Files of the Identification Division of the Los Angeles Police Department checked on April 19, 1963, and of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI were found to contain no information identifiable with Drennan.

~~Francis X. Renault~~ Res- 4828 Glencairn Rd.
FRANCIS X. RANUZZI ~~Francis X. Ranuzzi~~ Los Angeles, Calif. in
Born in Pa. 1963

Records of the Retail Merchants' Credit Association of Los Angeles checked on April 19, 1963, disclosed satisfactory credit information regarding one Francis X. Ranuzzi, 6439 La Mirada, Los Angeles, engaged in the insurance business.

~~Mrs.~~ members of John Birch Society
Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters reviewed on April 19, 1963, disclosed the current registration of ~~Francis X. Ranuzzi~~, 4828 Glencairn Road, Los Angeles, dated April 11, 1962, reflecting his birth in Pennsylvania his height as 5'10½" his occupation in the insurance field and his intention to affiliate himself at the next primary election with one of the major political parties. These records also disclosed the current registration of Mrs. Florence E. ~~Ranuzzi~~, 4828 Glencairn Road, Los Angeles, Calif. dated March 24, 1962, reflecting her birth in Illinois, her height 5' 4½", her occupation as a businesswoman and her intention to affiliate herself at the next primary election with one of the major political parties. These records also contained cancelled registration in the name

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of F. X. Ranuzzi, same address as above, dated October 5, 1961, (cancelled April 11, 1962), in which he registered his intention to affiliate himself in the next primary election with the "Voters Independent Party". This registration cancelled a previous registration under the same name and at the same address dated March 26, 1960, in which he registered his intention to ~~affiliate~~ himself in the next primary election with one of the major political parties.

By letter dated September 21, 1961, [REDACTED]

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California, furnished to the FBI, Los Angeles a news letter dated September 14, 1961; on the letterhead stationery of the Voters Independent Party (VIP) which tells of a meeting on August 8, 1961, in East Woodland Hills, California, of a small group who heard about a plan to place the VIP on the ballot. The news letter indicates the VIP was "dedicated to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States of America," and advocates a "pro-capitalist, libertarian philosophy of government", and was anxious to obtain 80,000 registrations to gain legal recognition.

Records of the Identification Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, reviewed on April 19, 1963, disclosed the arrest on March 11, 1952 of one Francis X. Renault, also known as Ranuzzi, 6439 La Mirada, Los Angeles, for "traffic warrants", in connection with which \$70 bail was posted. These records described the arrested person as an insurance salesman for "Phoenix Mutual" who was born in Pennsylvania on February 7, 1918, and whose general description is male, white, 5' 10" tall, 200 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair.

Records of the Identification Division of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, checked on April 19, 1963, disclosed no information identifiable with Ranuzzi.

Records of a national credit agency, checked on April 19, 1963, disclosed no information identifiable

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with the Poor Richard's Book Shop.

[redacted]
Los Angeles advised on September 21, 1960, that the Poor Richard's Book Shop, 5403 Hollywood Boulevard, is operated by Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Ranuzzi both of whom are members of the John Birch Society and that Mrs. Ranuzzi had asked her to attend a meeting in her home to learn more about a group of "good people" who felt no one was doing anything to check communism and were therefore "arming" themselves against the communists.

"The Los Angeles Times" newspaper dated March 9, 1962, contained an article entitled "Right-Wingers Hit on 'Quote' by Krushchev", datelined at Washington, D. C., which said that Senator Metcalf (Democrat - Montana) had charged that political leaders were being bombarded by postcards bearing a quotation falsely attributed to Soviet Premier Krushchev which "arouses Americans against their elected officials", that the quotation had been circulated in material endorsing the John Birch Society printed on postcards distributed by a savings and loan association "and Poor Richard's Book Shop," both of Los Angeles. A sub-article added: "F. X. Ranuzzi, owner of Poor Richard's Book Shop said he had used the quotation on an estimated \$00,000 cards bearing lists of books on Americanism. He said he believed he picked up the quotation from one of the Coast Federal's cards and assumed it was authentic".

In December, 1962. [redacted]

[redacted] made available to the Denver Office of the FBI a one page leaflet captioned, "International Press News Briefs, June 5, 1962" which facetiously lampooned the family of President Kennedy, which (Drier said) emanated from Poor Richard's Book Shop, 5403 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Member of Executive Board of

On March 6, 1962. [redacted]

[redacted] made available a printed letter of the "Committee to Free Cuba," with national headquarters at Post Office Box 91, Arcadia, California, dated

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March 2, 1962, which lists F. X. Ranuzzi among members of its advisory board and states that the committee, a recently chartered non-profit organization, had been organized to rally all patriotic Americans "to stimulate public opinion to demand more backbone in our politicians and public officials" and to encourage and aid "morally and legally" the anti-communist underground in Cuba for the purpose of saving Cuba from communism. This letter lists [redacted] b7D

[redacted] who signed the letter. [redacted] had previously (on February 5, 1962) identified F. X. Ranuzzi as a book store owner.

Committee To Free Cuba
The ~~American~~ Committee to Free Cuba Inc. with national headquarters at Post Office Box 91, Arcadia, California, mailed some of its literature to the Santa Ana, California Resident Agency of the FBI in an envelope postmarked November 27, 1962, which disclosed an obvious similarity in stationery format and membership in its advisory board and executive committee with those of the above-mentioned "Committee to Free Cuba". A "special news-letter" criticized the "no invasion promise" of President Kennedy for "reducing the United States to the shameful role of a surrendering nation" and the "no war" but surrender policy of the United States Government for frustrating efforts of the Cuban underground in the United States, claiming that "Cubans are in essence forbidden to free their country". It added that petitions were being prepared to request immediate action by Congress "in permanently resolving the Cuban crisis".

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 11, 1963, that the "American Committee to Free Cuba Inc." was then circulating a printed letter which stated it was instituting a petition

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to the President of the United States "demanding the destruction of the communist regime in Cuba", to which petition five million signatures were to be sought.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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4-19-63

1:30 AM

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES

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STANLEY L. DRENNAN, ^{INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA} ~~IS~~ CUBA. RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL 18, 1963.

REBUTELCALL APRIL 18, 1963.

RECONTACT THIS DATE MADE WITH [] WHO REITERATED INFORMATION MENTIONED REFERENCED TELETYPE ADDING THAT FRANK X. RANUZZI HAS STATE FARM INSURANCE AGENCY AT 5403 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES. RANUZZI RESIDES AT 4828 GLENCAIRN, LOS ANGELES, WITH UNLISTED PHONE NUMBER NORMANDY 2-0095.

[] CONTINUED THAT THE "ORGANIZATION" REFERRED TO IN REFTEL WAS A BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING AND BELIEVES BOTH RANUZZI AND DRENNAN ARE BIRCH MEMBERS.

[] ALSO RECALLED THAT DRENNAN STATED INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD ACT AS ASSASSIN WOULD BE "A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY" WHO COULD NOT BE CONNECTED WITH THE BIRCH SOCIETY BECAUSE OF A "NEUTRAL" POLITICAL REPUTATION. ACCORDING TO [] SENATOR JACOB JAVITS OF NEW YORK WAS AMONG THOSE TO BE ELIMINATED. SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES BEING ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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ORIGINAL: MR BELMONT FOR DIRECTOR
 CC : MR SULLIVAN
 2 COPY: MR DELOACH

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4-19-63

Attached teletypes contain information furnished by b7D

concerning proposed discussion at future John Birch Society meeting of plans to assassinate President Kennedy, Attorney General and members of Congress, including Senator Jacob Javits.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Dr. Drennan or F.X. Ranuzzi, both believed by source to be Birch Society members.

Information telephonically furnished Secret Service, White House Detail, 4-18, 19-63. We are also disseminating to Attorney General and O'Donnell and will alert Metropolitan Police Department and Capital Police. If you approve, Senator Javits will also be advised.

BCR Los Angeles instructed to check further.

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URGENT 4-18-63 4:12 PM GRJ
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 182320

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, ~~IS CUBA~~

[REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST TO LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THAT DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, MD WITH OFFICES AT 3550 WEST 8TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HIM APRIL 17 LAST THAT "THE ORGANIZATION" WAS GOING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT "POOR RICHARDS BOOK SHOP" WHICH IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY F. X. RANUZZI. DRENNAN STATED WOULD DISCUSS PLANS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY AND SOME UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. STATED WOULD HAVE INDIVIDUAL DO IT WHO WAS NOT MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND THEREBY WOULD BE NO REFLECTION ON THE GROUP. DRENNAN STATED THIS ACTION NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE POPE'S POSITION AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION AGAINST CONTINUING FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM IN FAVOR OF COEXISTENCE AND WORK THROUGH UNITED NATIONS. DRENNAN HAS HATRED FOR ADMINISTRATION. FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS NOT IDENTIFIED. HE SUPPORTS GENERAL WALKER AND CURRENT CUBAN RAIDERS. DRENNAN ENGAGED IN COLLECTING MATERIALS, DRUGS, CLOTHING TO BE SHIPPED TO CUBAN RAIDERS PLACE UNKNOWN. SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
April 26, 1963

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles (105-14379)

From: Director, FBI (62-108640)

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurtels 4/18 and 19/63 and Butel 4/19/63.

Submit by return airtel summary of all additional data relative to this matter which has been developed subsequent to your retels. Advise what action, if any, has been taken by Secret Service in this matter. Submit results of your investigation to date as instructed in reButel together with your recommendations for further action to be taken to resolve this matter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Captioned matter relates to an alleged plot to assassinate President Kennedy, the Attorney General and unidentified members of Congress. Los Angeles has disseminated information concerning this to the local Secret Service office in Los Angeles and is coordinating its activities with that office. We have disseminated pertinent information concerning the matter to the White House, the Attorney General and Secret Service headquarters in Washington.

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62-108640-9
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The Attorney General

May 3, 1963

Director, FBI

**DR. STANLEY L. BRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

Reference is made to my letter dated April 19, 1963, advising of information concerning an alleged plan to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, some unidentified members of Congress and you. My letter also set forth background information concerning captioned individual who told our source of this alleged plan.

This information was furnished to the U. S. Secret Service which is conducting an investigation into this matter. In view of this and the fact that any investigation conducted by this Bureau would be a duplication of the investigation by Secret Service, no further action is being taken in this matter by this Bureau.

62-108640

REC-19

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

19 MAY 6 1963

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Captioned matter relates to an alleged plot to assassinate President Kennedy, the Attorney General and unidentified members of Congress. Los Angeles has disseminated information concerning this to the local Secret Service office and at the Seat of Government we have disseminated pertinent information to the White House, the Attorney General and Secret Service headquarters. This matter is one coming within the primary responsibility of Secret Service. In view of the investigation being conducted by Secret Service in this matter Los Angeles is correct in its observation that any inquiry conducted by that office would be a duplication of the investigation by Secret Service. Accordingly, Los Angeles was advised

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The Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW (CONTINUED):

by airtel 5/3/63 that the Bureau is in agreement with its observations and that no further action should be taken in this matter; however, Los Angeles was instructed to maintain close liaison with Secret Service and to advise the Bureau of the results of the investigation by Secret Service.

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
May 3, 1963

8-1 LA 3-20-63
Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles (105-14379)

REC-62
From: Director, FBI (62-103640) 11

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurairtel 4/29/63.

The Bureau agrees with your observation that no further action be taken in this matter by your office in view of the active investigation being conducted by Secret Service and any action your office takes would be a duplication of the Secret Service investigation.

You are instructed to maintain close liaison with Secret Service in this matter. You should advise the Bureau of the results of the investigation by Secret Service as well as your evaluation whether there is anything further for the Bureau to do in this matter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Captioned matter relates to an alleged plot to assassinate President Kennedy, the Attorney General and unidentified members of Congress. Los Angeles has disseminated information concerning this to the local Secret Service office and at the Seat of Government we have disseminated pertinent information to the White House, the Attorney General and Secret Service headquarters. This matter is one coming within the primary responsibility of Secret Service. In view of the investigation being conducted by Secret Service in this matter Los Angeles is correct in its observation that any inquiry conducted by that office would be a duplication of the investigation by Secret Service. Therefore, it is believed that Los Angeles should be advised that the Bureau is in agreement with its observation that no further action should be taken by that office in this matter. Attorney General advised by letter 5/3/63 we are taking no further action.

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Date: 4-29-63

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108640)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-14379) (C)

SUBJECT: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)
OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles airtel and LHM dated 4-19-63 and
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 4-26-63.

Original source, [redacted] has been cooperating with
Secret Service, Los Angeles, since [redacted] and is attempting
to develop additional information concerning the "assassination"
plan under Secret Service direction.

LEON I. GOPADZE, Secret Service, Los Angeles, advised
his case has been under investigation since its referral to them,
and pointed out that the case has been recognized to be "delicate"
in view of both [redacted] and possible
"political" ramifications. He expressed appreciation for the
Bureau's past assistance and said that in the event further
aid or information is needed, they will so request.

In view of the active investigation of this matter
by Secret Service and that additional inquiry by this office
would probably cause confusion as well as duplication of effort,
UACB, no further action being taken by this office.

cc 814 RE
3 - Bureau (AM-REG)
1 - Los Angeles
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108640)

DATE: 5/31/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-14379)

SUBJECT: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Reference is made to Bureau airtel dated 5/3/63.

On 5/22/63, LEON I. GOPADZE, U.S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, California, advised that their office is continuing investigation on this matter and it is being handled by their Agent SHEIK. He stated that they have been in contact with their informant [redacted] who as yet has not gone to any additional meetings to which he has been invited by Dr. DRENNAN but plans to do so in the near future.

According to Mr. GOPADZE their investigation will eventually point to an interview with Dr. DRENNAN.

The Los Angeles Office will maintain contact with Secret Service in Los Angeles for further developments in this matter and advise the Bureau of the results thereof.

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1 - Los Angeles

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cc Detroit
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W.P.S. 7-26-63
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for status of
investigation.
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Date: 7/24/63

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 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-14379) C
 RE: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 INTERNAL SECURITY

REC-131

Reference is made to Buairtel 5/3/63 and Los Angeles letter 5/31/63.

This is to advise that on 7/17/63, Mr. GEORGE SHEAKS, U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, California, advised that Secret Service has completed their investigation and closed their case on Dr. STANLEY L. DRENNAN. Mr. SHEAKS stated that their office had interviewed Dr. DRENNAN and FRANCIS X. RANUZZI regarding statements and any plans to assassinate the President. Mr. SHEAKS stated that both Dr. DRENNAN and RANUZZI denied making any such statements to their recollections, and added if any comments along those lines were made, they were without any real foundation or thought in mind of participating in such an event.

Mr. SHEAKS stated that he is inclined to feel as a result of his investigation that if any statements or ideas were put forth suggesting assassination of the President, it was done without any real intent and it was for this reason that their case is being closed.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

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Special Agent in Charge

URGENT 12-3-63 6-52 PM LAS

TO DIRECTOR,

SAC, ATLANTA, DALLAS

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /89-75/

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER
TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, AFO.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND LOS ANGELES
DECEMBER TWO LAST REQUESTING LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW DR. STANLEY
L. DRENNAN.

BUREAU -S ATTENTION CALLED TO BUFILE SIX TWO DASH ONE
ZERO EIGHT SIX FOUR ZERO ENTITLED DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN,
INFO CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY AND LOS ANGELES LHM APRIL
NINETEEN LAST. COPIES OF LHM FURNISHED TO SECRET SERVICE,
LOS ANGELES APRIL NINETEEN LAST. LHM CONTAINS INFORMATION
FROM [] WHO REPORTED THAT DR. DRENNAN []

[] ON APRIL ~~SEVEN~~ SEVENTEEN
LAST DRENNAN TOLD [] QUOTE WE ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT UNQUOTE AND WENT TO POOR RICHARDS BOOK SHOP OWNED
BY FRANCIS X. RANUZZI TO DISCUSS WITH OTHERS THE PLAN FOR
END PAGE ONE

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ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY AND TWENTY OR THIRTY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INCLUDING SENATOR JACOB JAVITTS OF NEW YORK. DRENNAN SAID THEY WOULD SELECT A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY WITH A NEUTRAL POLITICAL REPUTATION AND NO CONNECTION WITH THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY TO PERFORM THE ASSASSINATION, SO AS NOT TO CAST REFLECTION UPON THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. ATTENDED MEETINGS OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AT RESIDENCES OF DRENNAN AND RANUZZI. DRENNAN BORN NINETEEN SIXTEEN IN IOWA, GRADUATED OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY NINETEEN FORTYSIX. LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN CALIFORNIA IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX. INTERVIEW OF DRENNAN BY SECRET SERVICE IN JULY SIXTYTHREE NEGATIVE.

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L.E. BOGGS, ASAC, SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED DECEMBER THREE INSTANT THEY HAD ON VXXX NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST VERIFIED DRENNAN-S PRESENCE IN LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST.

UACB, DRENNAN WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED.

INFO DALLAS, NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DENVER, MIAMI, SAN FRANCISCO FOR INFO.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

SAC, Atlanta

1/16/64

Director, FBI (62-108640)

DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY;
RACIAL MATTERS

Rerep of SA Charles S. Harding dated 12/4/63,
Atlanta, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R."

Rerep on page three sets forth information
received from [redacted]
[redacted] that during the Spring of 1963 he was in contact
with the National States Rights Party (NSRP) in Los Angeles,
California, and in this connection contacted subject, who
[redacted] claimed was active in the NSRP.

According to [redacted] the subject mentioned the
assassination of President Kennedy, the Cabinet and other
Governmental officials.

Similar information was furnished by the Los
Angeles Office in their file on Drennan; however, no
mention was made of the NSRP. According to Los Angeles
information, Drennan is connected with the John Birch
Society.

Atlanta should reinterview [redacted] for
further information concerning Drennan's connection with the
NSRP.

Los Angeles should advise the Bureau and Atlanta
whether any information has been received by the Los Angeles
Office concerning Drennan's being connected with the NSRP.

2 - Los Angeles (105-14379)

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LETTER TO SAC, ATLANTA
RE: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN

NOTE:

Drennan is a physician in Los Angeles, California, and information has been received and disseminated to various Government agencies plus the Secret Service that in the Spring of 1963, Drennan indicated someone ought to assassinate the President, the Attorney General and other Government officials. Information to this time has linked Drennan with the John Birch Society and not the National States Rights Party.

Bufiles contain no information that Drennan has ever been associated with the National States Rights Party with the exception of information received from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108640)

DATE: 2/4/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-14379)

SUBJECT: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY;
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 1/16/64.

This is to advise that the references in the Los Angeles Office concerning the National States Rights Party (NSRP) were reviewed and no mention was made therein concerning DRENNAN.

On 1/27/64 [redacted] the original source of information concerning DRENNAN on 4/18/63, was reinterviewed by SA MERLE L. PARKER and he advised that he continues to have contact with DRENNAN, [redacted] however, has never heard him mention the NSRP or give any indication that he may have any contact with it.

On 1/29/64 GEORGE SHEAKS, U. S. Secret Service Agent, Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, advised SA MERLE L. PARKER that their office, based on information furnished them by the Bureau in April, 1963, concerning DRENNAN, had made an extensive investigation, but a review of their file and the results of their inquiry failed to indicate that DRENNAN has had any connection with the NSRP.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Atlanta Office in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in referenced Bureau letter.

UACB, no further investigation is being made by Los Angeles concerning this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108640)

DATE: 2/18/64

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-672) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY;
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bulet to Atlanta 1/16/64.

On 2/14/64 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was recontacted and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he had no direct information that Dr. STANLEY L. DRENNAN was a member of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). He advised that he has never heard him say he was a member of the NSRP or has he seen him at any NSRP meetings or in contact with any of the known members.

[REDACTED] stated DRENNAN was a member, or he assumed he was a member of an unnamed group which met regularly in the Los Angeles area for discussion purposes. He stated that this group was extreme in its approach to any question and was violently anti-semitic. This group gave [REDACTED] the impression that they were following the NSRP line in being anti-semitic and violently anti-Negro. He advised that in addition he recalls seeing some of the participants in this group, identities unknown, at the Poor Richards Book Shop, Hollywood, California. He stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a [REDACTED] is an acquaintance in the NSRP in Los Angeles and based on his knowledge of the NSRP the study group and Dr. DRENNAN could well be members of NSRP as they all follow the same general line of thinking.

[REDACTED] advised that in his own thinking and mind of these individuals with whom he is acquainted with in the Los Angeles area he more or less lumps them together as a group of "crackpots". He again stated that he could not state DRENNAN was in the NSRP or associated with it directly in any manner.

② - Bureau (AM)

1 - Atlanta

2 - Los Angeles (105-14379) (RM)

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FBI NEW ORLS

1020PM URGENT 5/13/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 3P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE. MISC -
INFO CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM FINAL EDITION MAY THIRTEEN,
INSTANT, REPORTED THAT THE ORLEANS PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE SUBPOENAED [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KENNEDY
ASSASSINATION PROB ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE IN REQUESTING THE SUBPOENAS
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ALLEGED THAT DR. DRENNAN WAS
PRESENT IN SIXTYTHREE AT A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
FURTHER ALLEGED THAT WHEAT IN SIXTYTHREE PARTICIPATED IN
DISCUSSIONS AT HIS HOME REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION.

FILES NEW ORLEANS REFLECT ONE GEORGE CLINTON WHEAT, FBI
NUMBER ONE SPACE SIX TWO SEVEN SPACE SEVEN ZERO THREE, SUBJECT
LOS ANGELES RACIAL MATTER FILE REPORTEDLY USED HIS RESIDENCE
AS CALIFORNIA STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF ONE
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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Letter to H.G. 5/17/68
a.s.s. D.D. King

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MILLION CAUCASIAN TO MARCH ON CONGRESS, JULY FOUR, SIXTYFOUR.
WHICH ORIGINATED IN ATLANTA, AND WAS STARTED BY MEMBER OF KKK.
WHEAT DESCRIBED AS ¹⁴WHITE MALE, DOB JULY THIRTY, NINETEEN THIRTEEN,
ROCHELLE, LA., FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, RUDDY
COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, FILES SHOW WHEAT RECEIVED
LOUISIANA STATE PEN, ANGOLA, LA. OCTOBER TWENTYFOUR, THIRTYEIGHT
ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY, FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS AND WAS DISCHARGED
FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR, FORTY. WHEAT AGAIN RECEIVED LSP OCTOBER
TWENTYFOUR, FORTY FROM GRANT PARISH, ON CHARGE OF MURDER,
FOR A TERM OF NATURAL LIFE. SENTENCE WAS COMMUTED TO FIFTEEN
YEARS ON MARCH TWO, FORTYNINE BY GOVERNOR OF STATE OF LA.
HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM LSP ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR FIFTYONE AND A FULL
PARDON AND RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP WAS APPROVED BY GOVERNOR
OF LA. ON OCTOBER THIRTYONE, FIFTYTWO. WHEAT RECEIVED TEXAS PRISON
SYSTEM, HUNTSVILLE ON FEBRUARY FOUR, FIFTYFOUR ON BURGLARY CHARGE,
FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS AND WAS DISCHARGED NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE,
FIFTYFOUR.

REPORT SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING DATED MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYFOUR,
DALLAS. PAGE THREE ³SEVEN ⁷THREE ³ REFLECTS BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION
REPORTED ON PAGE THREE IN REPORT OF SA CHARLES S. HARDING, DATED
DECEMBER FOUR, SIXTYTHREE, ATLANTA, GA. CAPTIONED QUOTE LEE
END PAGE TWO

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HARVEY OSWALD; INTERNAL SECURITY-RUSSIA END QUOTE, RELATIVE TO
DR. STANLEY L. DENNAN. THIS REPORT NOT CONTAINED IN FILES OF
NEW ORLEANS.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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FBI DALLAS

10-40 AM URGENT 5-14-68 SCW

TO DIRECTOR(62-109060) AND NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

FROM DALAS (89-43)(P)(1P)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,
NOV. TWENTYTWO SIXTYTHREE, MISC-INFO CONCERNING. OO-DALLAS

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU AND DALLAS, MAY THIRTEEN
LAST CONTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN
AND CLINTON WHEAT.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS, DALLAS FILES CONCERNING
CAPTIONED MATTER REFLECT ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING
DRENNAN CONTAINED IN ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND LOS ANGELES
DATED DEC. TWO, SIXTYTHREE, AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO
BUREAU, ATLANTA AND DALLAS DATED DEC. THREE, SIXTYTHREE, BEAR-
ING ABOVE CAPTION. LOS ANGELES TEL REFERRED BUREAU TO BUFILE
SIXTYTWO DASH ONE NAUGH/EIGHT SIX FOUR NAUGHT CONCERNING
DRENNAN.

DALLAS FILES CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES CONCERNING MAY
DRENNAN, EXCEPT THOSE MENTIONED IN REFERENCED NEW ORLEANS TEL
AND NO RECORD OF CLINTON WHEAT.

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MR DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sullivan
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The Attorney General

May 17, 1963

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lenihan
1 - Mr. Goble

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

The final edition of the "New Orleans States-Item" on May 13, 1963, reported that New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison's Office had subpoenaed Dr. Stanley L. Brennan of Los Angeles, California, and Clinton Wheat of Burney, California, to testify before a Grand Jury in New Orleans on May 29 and 30, 1963, regarding Garrison's probe of the assassination of former President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. According to the news story, Garrison's Office alleged that Dr. Brennan was present in 1963 at a discussion concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and Wheat participated in 1963 in discussions at his home concerning the assassination.

Dr. Brennan may be identical with the individual of the same name, a Los Angeles physician born in 1916 in Iowa, who was investigated in 1963 upon receipt of information that he and others attended John Birch Society meetings at which they discussed plans to assassinate President Kennedy, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Senator Jacob K. Javits (Republican, New York), and other unidentified members of Congress. This information was furnished to the then Attorney General and to the United States Secret Service by letters which were dated April 19, 1963. This information was furnished to the Department and the United States Secret Service in greater detail in a memorandum also dated April 19, 1963, made at Los Angeles, California, captioned "Dr. Stanley L. Brennan." By letter dated May 3, 1963, the then Attorney General was advised that the United States Secret Service was conducting an investigation into this matter and that no further action was being taken by this Bureau.

Following the assassination of President Kennedy our Los Angeles Office was advised by a representative of the United States Secret Service at Los Angeles that Brennan's presence in Los Angeles on November 22, 1963, had been verified by the United States Secret Service.

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The Attorney General

Clinton Wheat may be identical with Clinton G. Wheat, born in 1913 in Louisiana, who was sentenced to two years for robbery in Louisiana in 1933. Clinton G. Wheat was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in Louisiana in 1940. This sentence was later commuted to fifteen years' imprisonment and Wheat was released in 1951. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for burglary in Texas in 1954.

Clinton G. Wheat resided in Los Angeles, California, in 1964, and on April 10, 1964, held a meeting at his residence of the "Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, July 4, 1964." Wheat was one of the leaders of this group. On May 8, 1964, a second meeting at Wheat's residence was held and the "Committee" was dissolved. Details concerning Wheat's activities with this group were reported in the Los Angeles report of Special Agent John C. O'Neill, May 21, 1964, captioned "Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, (COMCOC), 7/4/64, Racial Matters." This report was disseminated to the Department and to the United States Secret Service. Wheat's activities in this group were also reported in Los Angeles report of Special Agent John C. O'Neill, June 9, 1964, captioned "Clinton G. Wheat, aka, Racial Matters," which was also disseminated to the Department and to the United States Secret Service.

The files of this Bureau reveal that in March, 1966, Clinton G. Wheat was living in a rural area of Klamath County, Oregon, and was self-employed as a welder, logger, and mechanic from his residence. As of November 1, 1966, Wheat resided in the rural area of South Klamath Falls, Oregon.

This information is also being furnished to the United States Secret Service.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Edwin L. Weisl, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General.

The Attorney General

NOTE:

Apart from the reasons given in the newspaper article, we have no information as to exactly why Garrison has subpoenaed Drennan and Wheat. No information exists in our files which ties either of these men to Lee Harvey Oswald or to Clay Shaw. Garrison has issued a subpoena for Eugene Bradley, the Californian from Los Angeles, and Garrison may be trying to tie these two men to Bradley. Our files do not contain the results of the United States Secret Service check on Drennan's whereabouts on November 22, 1963, other than the establishment of the fact by United States Secret Service that Drennan was in Los Angeles on that date.